

## **Defined Project Boundary – Drilling and Spacing Units**

### **Clarification of Paragraph 2 on Page 4 of Executive Order 2015-4**

This statement is intended to provide clarification of a “defined project boundary” as it relates to a “drilling and spacing unit” as used in the subject paragraph.

#### **Core Population Area**

For an oil and gas activity located in Core Population Area to be allowed the exemptions granted by the subject paragraph, the bottom hole location (BHL) must be governed by an approved Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (WOGCC) order(s) for spacing and applicable increased density/additional wells issued prior to August 1, 2008. WOGCC staff will determine whether an oil and gas activity meets this requirement. Activities that meet this requirement will be permitted in accordance with the language in the section titled PREEXISTING OIL AND GAS UNITS starting on Page 10 of Attachment B.

For an oil and gas activity located in Core Population Area added as a result of Executive Order 2015-4, the BHL must be governed by an approved WOGCC order(s) for spacing and applicable increased density/additional wells issued prior to July 29, 2015. The WOGCC will determine whether an oil and gas activity meets this requirement. Activities that meet this requirement will be permitted in accordance with the language in the section titled PREEXISTING OIL AND GAS UNITS starting on Page 10 of Attachment B.

Additionally, the statement in the subject paragraph *“Federal and state permitted activities, within a defined project boundary...shall be allowed to continue within the existing boundary even if the use exceeds recommended stipulations”* is intended to be consistent with the statement in the section titled PREEXISTING OIL AND GAS UNITS on page 11 of Attachment B *“...are not subject to new Greater sage-grouse mitigation measures contained in Attachment B of this Executive Order with the exception that unit operators cannot initiate activities resulting in new surface occupancy within 0.6 miles of the perimeter of an occupied Greater sage-grouse lek.”*

#### **Non-Core Population Area**

In Non-Core Population Area, oil and gas activities occurring between 0.25 miles and 2 miles from the perimeter of an occupied lek that have an approved WOGCC order(s) for spacing and applicable increased density/additional wells issued prior to August 1, 2008 will be granted relief from seasonal use stipulations. This determination will be made by WOGCC staff. The 0.25 mile No Surface Occupancy (NSO) requirement will still apply in Non-Core Population Area.